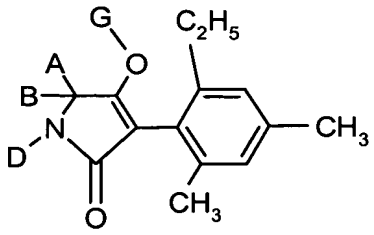
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

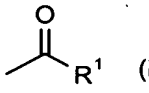
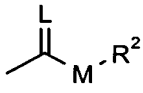
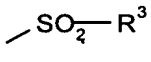
1. (currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ A compound of the formula (I)

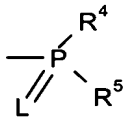
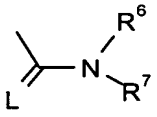


(I)

in which

G represents hydrogen (a), ~~one of the groups~~

 (b),  (c),  (d),

 (e), E (f) or  (g),

in which

E represents a metal ion equivalent or an ammonium ion,

L represents oxygen or sulphur,

M represents oxygen or sulphur,

R^1 represents in each case optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl or polyalkoxyalkyl, or ~~represents~~ in each case optionally halogen-, alkyl-, or alkoxy-substituted cycloalkyl or heterocyclyl, or

~~represents~~ in each case optionally substituted phenyl, phenylalkyl, phenylalkenyl or heteroaryl,

R^2 represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxyalkyl or polyalkoxyalkyl or ~~represents~~ in each case optionally substituted cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl,

R^3, R^4 and R^5 independently of one another represent ~~in each case~~ optionally halogen-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkylthio, alkenylthio or cycloalkylthio or ~~represent~~ in each case optionally substituted phenyl, benzyl, phenoxy or phenylthio,

R^6 and R^7 independently of one another represent hydrogen, ~~represent~~ in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, or alkoxyalkyl, ~~represent~~ in each case optionally substituted phenyl or benzyl or R^6 and R^7 together with the N atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted cycle which optionally contains oxygen or sulphur,

A represents hydrogen, ~~represents~~ in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxyalkyl or alkylthioalkyl or ~~represents~~ optionally substituted cycloalkyl,

B represents hydrogen, alkyl or alkoxyalkyl,

D represents hydrogen or ~~represents~~ an optionally substituted radical selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, ~~or optionally substituted~~ and cycloalkyl, or

A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached[[,]] ~~represent~~ form a saturated or unsaturated cycle which optionally contains at least one heteroatom in the A,D moiety and which is unsubstituted or substituted in the A,D moiety,

~~and, if~~ provided that when

G represents hydrogen (a), then

A represents hydrogen or alkyl,

B represents hydrogen or alkyl,

D represents an optionally substituted radical selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, [[or]] and ~~optionally substituted~~ cycloalkyl, or

A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached ~~represent~~ form a saturated or unsaturated cycle which optionally contains at least one heteroatom in the A,D moiety and which is unsubstituted or substituted in the A,D moiety.

2. (currently amended) ~~Compounds of the formula (I)~~ The compound according to Claim 1, ~~in which, if~~ provided that when

G represents hydrogen (a), then

A represents hydrogen or C_1-C_8-alkyl,

B represents hydrogen or C_1-C_6-alkyl,

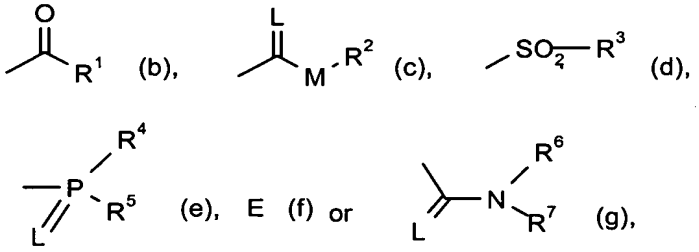
D represents C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_1-C_8-alkenyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy-C_2-C_4-alkyl or C_1-C_6-alkylthio-C_2-C_4-alkyl, each of which is optionally mono- to pentasubstituted by halogen, or ~~represents~~ ~~C_3-C_8-Cycloalkyl~~ C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl ~~which is~~ optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy [[or]] and C_1-C_2-haloalkyl, or

A and D together represent a C_3-C_6-alkanediyl or C_3-C_6-alkenediyl group, wherein ~~in which in each case~~ optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen or sulphur and ~~which are in each case~~ wherein said C_3-C_6-alkanediyl or C_3-C_6-alkenediyl group is optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ halogen, hydroxyl, C_1-C_4-alkyl [[or]] and C_1-C_4-alkoxy, or wherein ~~by~~ a ~~further~~ C_3-

C_6-alkanediyl, C_3-C_6-alkenediyl or C_4-C_6-alkanedienediyl group is optionally attached to two adjacent carbon atoms of said C_3-C_6-alkanediyl or C_3-C_6-alkenediyl group forming a fused ring system ~~which forms a fused on ring~~, or

~~and, if~~ provided that when

G represents one of the groups



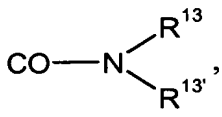
in which

E represents a metal ion equivalent or an ammonium ion,

L represents oxygen or sulphur, ~~and~~

M represents oxygen or sulphur,

R^1 represents C_1-C_{20}-alkyl, C_2-C_{20}-alkenyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkylthio-C_1-C_6-alkyl or poly-C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, each of which is optionally mono- to heptasubstituted by halogen, mono- or disubstituted by cyano, monosubstituted by COR^{13}, $C{=}N\text{-}OR^{13}$, CO_2R^{13} or



, ~~or represents~~ C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl ~~which is~~ optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl [[or]] and C_1-C_4-alkoxy, wherein ~~and in which optionally~~ one or two not directly

adjacent methylene groups of said C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl are optionally replaced by oxygen ~~and/or~~ or sulphur,

~~represents~~ phenyl, phenyl-C_1-C_2-alkyl or phenyl-C_2-alkenyl, each of which is optionally ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-haloalkyl, C_1-C_6-haloalkoxy, C_1-C_6-alkylthio, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfinyl [[or]] and C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyl, or

~~represents~~ 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl ~~which is~~ optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ halogen [[or]] and C_1-C_6-alkyl and contains one or two heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulphur and nitrogen,

R^2 represents C_1-C_{20}-alkyl, C_2-C_{20}-alkenyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy-C_2-C_6-alkyl or poly-C_1-C_6-alkoxy-C_2-C_6-alkyl, each of which is optionally mono- to trisubstituted by halogen,

~~represents~~ C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl ~~which is~~ optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ halogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl [[or]] and C_1-C_6-alkoxy, or

~~represents~~ phenyl or benzyl, each of which is optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ halogen, cyano, nitro, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-haloalkyl [[or]] and C_1-C_6-haloalkoxy,

R^3 represents C_1-C_8-alkyl which is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by halogen, or ~~represents~~ phenyl or benzyl, each of which is optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ halogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy, cyano [[or]] and nitro,

R^4 and R^5 independently of one another represent C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_1-C_8-alkoxy, C_1-C_8-alkylamino, di(C_1-C_8-alkyl)amino, C_1-C_8-alkylthio or C_2-C_8-alkenylthio, each of which is optionally mono- to trisubstituted by halogen, or ~~represent~~ phenyl, phenoxy or phenylthio, each of which is optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy, C_1-C_4-alkylthio, C_1-C_4-haloalkylthio, C_1-C_4-alkyl [[or]] and C_1-C_4-haloalkyl,

R^6 and R^7 independently of one another represent hydrogen, ~~represent~~ C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl, C_1-C_8-alkoxy, C_3-C_8-alkenyl or C_1-C_8-alkoxy-C_2-C_8-alkyl, wherein said C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl, C_1-C_8-alkoxy, C_3-C_8-alkenyl or C_1-C_8-alkoxy-C_2-C_8-alkyl ~~each of which~~ is optionally mono- to trisubstituted by halogen, or ~~represent~~ phenyl or benzyl, each of which is optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ halogen, C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_1-C_8-haloalkyl [[or]] and C_1-C_8-alkoxy or R^6 and R^7 together represent a C_3-C_6-alkylene radical which is optionally mono- or disubstituted by C_1-C_4-alkyl and in which optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen or sulphur,

[[R^{13}]] R^{13} represents C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_3-C_6-alkenyl, C_3-C_6-alkynyl or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_2-C_4-alkyl, each of which is optionally mono- to trisubstituted by halogen, or ~~represents~~ C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl which is optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ halogen, C_1-C_2-alkyl [[or]] and C_1-C_2-alkoxy and in which ~~optionally~~ one or two not directly adjacent methylene groups are optionally replaced by oxygen, and

[[$R^{13'}$]] $R^{13'}$ represents hydrogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl or C_3-C_6-alkenyl, then

A represents hydrogen, ~~represents~~ C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_2-C_8-alkenyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl or C_1-C_6-alkylthio-C_1-C_4-alkyl, wherein said C_1-C_8-alkyl,

C_2-C_8-alkenyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl or C_1-C_6-alkylthio-C_1-C_4-alkyl ~~each of which~~ is optionally mono- to trisubstituted by halogen, ~~represents~~ or C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl ~~which is~~ optionally ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl [[or]] and C_1-C_6-alkoxy,

B represents hydrogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_2-alkyl,

D represents hydrogen, ~~represents~~ C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_1-C_8-alkenyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy-C_2-C_4-alkyl or C_1-C_6-alkylthio-C_2-C_4-alkyl, wherein said C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_1-C_8-alkenyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy-C_2-C_4-alkyl or C_1-C_6-alkylthio-C_2-C_4-alkyl ~~each of which~~ is optionally mono- to trisubstituted by halogen, ~~represents~~ or C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl ~~which is~~ optionally ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy [[or]] and C_1-C_2-haloalkyl, or

A and D together represent a C_3-C_6-alkanediyl or C_3-C_6-alkenediyl group, wherein ~~in which in each case~~ optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen or sulphur and ~~which are in each case~~ wherein said C_3-C_6-alkanediyl or C_3-C_6-alkenediyl group is optionally ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxyl, C_1-C_4-alkyl [[or]] and C_1-C_4-alkoxy or wherein ~~by~~ a ~~further~~ C_3-C_6-alkanediyl, C_3-C_6-alkenediyl or C_4-C_6-alkanedienediyl group is optionally attached to two adjacent carbon atoms of said C_3-C_6-alkanediyl or C_3-C_6-alkenediyl group forming a fused ring system ~~which forms a fused on ring~~.

3. (currently amended) ~~Compounds of the formula (I)~~ The compound according to Claim 1, ~~in which, if~~ provided that when

G represents hydrogen (a), then

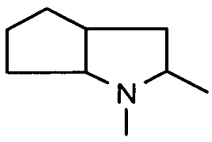
A represents hydrogen or C_1-C_6-alkyl,

B represents hydrogen or C_1-C_4-alkyl,

D represents C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_3-C_6-alkenyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_2-C_3-alkyl or C_1-C_4-alkylthio-C_2-C_3-alkyl, each of which is optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ fluorine [[or]] and chlorine, ~~represents~~ or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl ~~which is~~ optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ fluorine, chlorine, C_1-C_2-alkyl, C_1-C_2-alkoxy [[or]] and trifluoromethyl, or

A and D together represent a C_3-C_5-alkanediyl group optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_2-alkyl and C_1-C_2-alkoxy, and wherein ~~in which optionally~~ one methylene group is optionally replaced by oxygen or sulphur ~~and which is optionally mono- or disubstituted by C_1-C_2-alkyl or C_1-C_2-alkoxy~~,

or A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached ~~represent~~ form one of the groups AD-1 to AD-10



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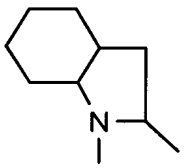

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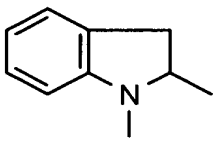

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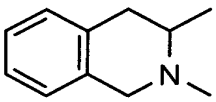

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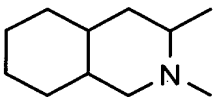

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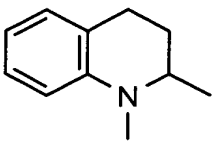

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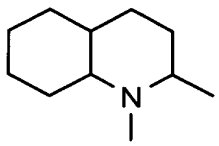

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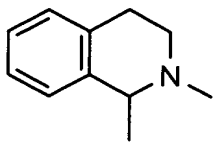

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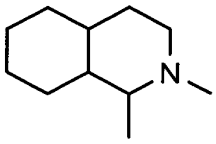

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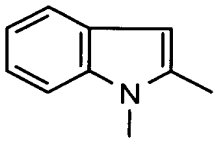

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~~and, if~~ or provided that when

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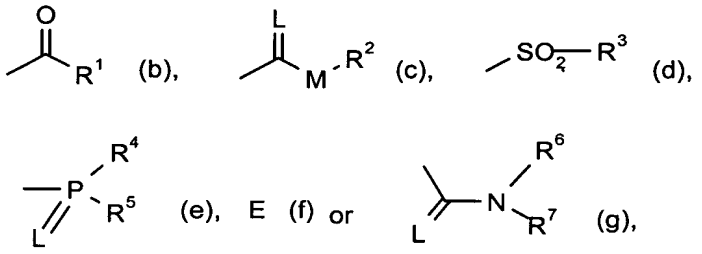


in which

E represents a metal ion equivalent or an ammonium ion,

L represents oxygen or sulphur, ~~and~~

M represents oxygen or sulphur,

R^1 represents C_1-C_{10}-alkyl, C_2-C_{10}-alkenyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_2-alkyl, poly-C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_2-alkyl or C_1-C_4-alkylthio-C_1-C_2-alkyl, each of which is optionally substituted with one to five substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~mono- to pentasubstituted by~~ fluorine [[or]] and chlorine, monosubstituted by cyano or monosubstituted by CO-R^{13},

$C=N-OR^{13}$ or CO_2R^{13}, or ~~represents~~ C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl ~~which is~~ optionally ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, C_1-C_2-alkyl [[or]] and C_1-C_2-alkoxy, wherein ~~and in which optionally~~ one or two not directly adjacent methylene groups of said C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl are optionally replaced by oxygen,

~~represents~~ phenyl or benzyl, each of which is optionally ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, nitro, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkylthio, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfonyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_1-C_2-haloalkyl [[or]] and C_1-C_2-haloalkoxy, or

~~represents~~ pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl or thienyl, each of which is optionally ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine [[or]] and C_1-C_2-alkyl,

R^2 represents C_1-C_{10}-alkyl, C_2-C_{10}-alkenyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_2-C_4-alkyl or poly-C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_2-C_4-alkyl, each of which is optionally ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine [[or]] and chlorine,

~~represents~~ C_3-C_7-cycloalkyl which is optionally monosubstituted by C_1-C_2-alkyl or C_1-C_2-alkoxy or

~~represents~~ phenyl or benzyl, each of which is optionally ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, nitro, C_1-C_4-alkyl, methoxy, trifluoromethyl [[or]] and trifluoromethoxy,

R^3 represents C_1-C_4-alkyl which is optionally ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group

consisting of fluorine [[or]] and chlorine or ~~represents~~ phenyl or benzyl, each of which is optionally monosubstituted by fluorine, chlorine, bromine, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano or nitro,

R^4 and R^5 independently of one another represent C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-alkylamino, di(C_1-C_6-alkyl)amino, C_1-C_6-alkylthio or C_3-C_4-alkenylthio, each of which is optionally ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine [[or]] and chlorine, or ~~represent~~ phenyl, phenoxy or phenylthio, each of which is optionally ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, trifluoromethoxy, C_1-C_3-alkylthio, C_1-C_3-alkyl [[or]] and trifluoromethyl,

R^6 and R^7 independently of one another represent hydrogen, ~~represent~~ C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_3-C_6-alkenyl or C_1-C_6-alkoxy-C_2-C_6-alkyl, ~~each of which~~ wherein said C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_3-C_6-alkenyl or C_1-C_6-alkoxy-C_2-C_6-alkyl is optionally ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine [[or]] and chlorine, ~~represent~~ phenyl ~~which is~~ optionally ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, trifluoromethyl, C_1-C_4-alkyl [[or]] and C_1-C_4-alkoxy or R^6 and R^7 together represent a C_5-C_6-alkylene radical which is optionally mono- or disubstituted by methyl and in which optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen,

R^{13} represents C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_3-C_4-alkenyl, C_3-C_4-alkynyl, [[or]] C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_2-C_3-alkyl, or ~~represents~~ C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl ~~in which~~ wherein optionally one methylene group of said C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl is replaced by oxygen, then

A represents hydrogen, ~~represents~~ C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl or C_1-C_4-alkylthio-C_1-C_3-alkyl, ~~each of which~~ wherein said C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl or C_1-C_4-alkylthio-C_1-C_3-alkyl is optionally ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine [[or]] and chlorine, or ~~represents~~ C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl which is optionally ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, C_1-C_2-alkyl [[or]] and C_1-C_2-alkoxy,

B represents hydrogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_2-alkyl,

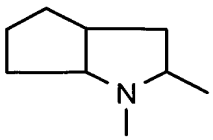
D represents hydrogen or

D ~~also~~ represents C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_3-C_6-alkenyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_2-C_3-alkyl or C_1-C_4-alkylthio-C_2-C_3-alkyl, ~~each of which~~ wherein said C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_3-C_6-alkenyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_2-C_3-alkyl or C_1-C_4-alkylthio-C_2-C_3-alkyl is optionally ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine [[or]] and chlorine, ~~represents~~ or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl ~~which is~~ optionally ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, C_1-C_2-alkyl, C_1-C_2-alkoxy [[or]] and trifluoromethyl, ~~with the provisio that in this case~~ provided that

A ~~only~~ represents hydrogen or C_1-C_3-alkyl, or

A and D together represent a C_3-C_5-alkanediyl group in which optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen or sulphur and which is optionally ~~mono- or disubstituted by~~ substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_2-alkyl [[or]] and C_1-C_2-alkoxy,

or A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached ~~represent~~ form one of the groups AD-1 to AD-10



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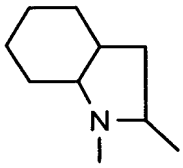

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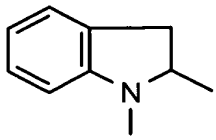

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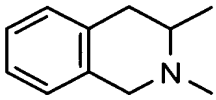

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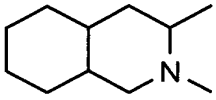

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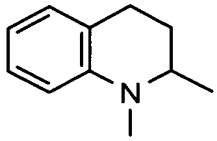

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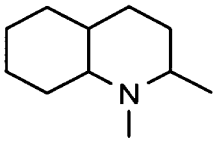

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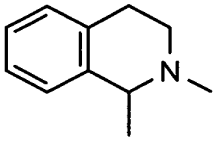

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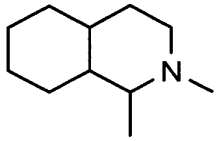

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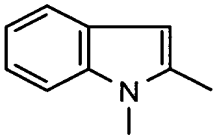

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4. (currently amended) ~~Compounds of the formula (I)~~ The compound according to Claim 1, ~~in which, if~~ provided that when

G represents hydrogen (a), then

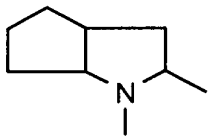
A represents hydrogen, methyl or ethyl,

B represents hydrogen,

D represents methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, isobutyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl, or

A and D together represent a C_3-C_4-alkanediyl group in which optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen or sulphur and which is optionally mono- or disubstituted by methyl,

or A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached ~~represent~~ form the following group:



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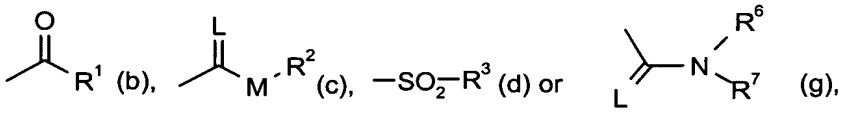
~~and, if~~ or provided that when

G represents one of the groups



(b), (c), (d) or (g),

in which

L represent oxygen, ~~and~~

M represents oxygen or sulphur,

R^1 represents C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, C_1-C_2-alkoxy-C_1-C_2-alkyl, C_1-C_2-alkylthio-C_1-C_2-alkyl or poly-C_1-C_2-alkoxy-C_1-C_2-alkyl, each of which is optionally ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine [[or]] and chlorine, or ~~represents~~ cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl, each of

which is optionally monosubstituted by fluorine, chlorine, methyl, ethyl or methoxy,

~~represents~~ phenyl ~~which is~~ optionally monosubstituted by fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, nitro, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy, or

~~represents~~ furanyl, thienyl or pyridyl, each of which is optionally monosubstituted by chlorine, bromine or methyl,

R^2 represents C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, [[or]] C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_2-C_3-alkyl, cyclopentyl, [[or]] cyclohexyl,

or ~~represents~~ phenyl or benzyl, ~~each of which~~ wherein said phenyl or benzyl is optionally monosubstituted by fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, nitro, methyl, methoxy, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy,

R^3 represents C_1-C_4-alkyl which is optionally ~~mono- to trisubstituted by~~ substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine [[or,]] and chlorine, or ~~represents~~ phenyl or benzyl, each of which is optionally monosubstituted by fluorine, chlorine, bromine, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano or nitro,

R^6 represents hydrogen, ~~represents~~ C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl, [[or]] allyl, or ~~represents~~ phenyl, wherein said phenyl is ~~which is~~ optionally monosubstituted by fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, methoxy or trifluoromethyl,

R^7 represents methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl or allyl, or

R^6 and R^7 together represent a C_5-C_6-alkylene radical in which optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen, then

A represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, trifluoromethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl,

B represents hydrogen, methyl or ethyl,

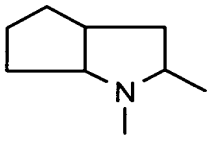
D represents hydrogen or

D ~~also~~ represents methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, isobutyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl, ~~with the proviso that in this case~~ provided that

A ~~only~~ represents hydrogen, methyl or ethyl, or

A and D together represent a C_3-C_4-alkanediyl group in which optionally one methylene group is replaced by oxygen or sulphur and which is optionally mono- or disubstituted by methyl, or

A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached ~~represent~~ form the group below:



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5. (currently amended) ~~Compounds of the formula (I)~~ The compound according to Claim 1, ~~in which, if~~ provided that when

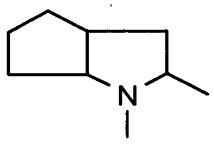
G represents hydrogen (a), then

A represents hydrogen, methyl or ethyl,

B represents hydrogen,

D represents methyl, ethyl or cyclopropyl, or

A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached ~~represent~~ form the group below:



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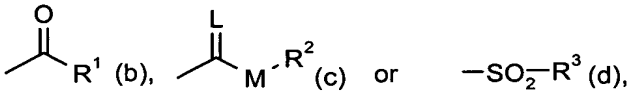
~~and, if~~ or provided that when

G represents one of the groups



(b), (c) or (d),

in which

L represents oxygen, [[and]]

M represents oxygen,

R^1 represents C_1-C_6-alkyl or C_1-C_2-alkoxy-C_1-C_2-alkyl,

R^2 represents C_1-C_8-alkyl,

R^3 represents C_1-C_4-alkyl,

then

A represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl or isobutyl,

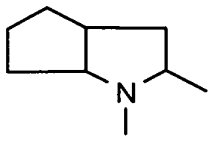
B represents hydrogen, methyl or ethyl,

D represents hydrogen or

D ~~also~~ represents methyl, ethyl or cyclopropyl, ~~with the proviso that in this case~~ provided that

A ~~only~~ represents hydrogen, methyl or ethyl, or

A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached ~~represent~~ form the group below:



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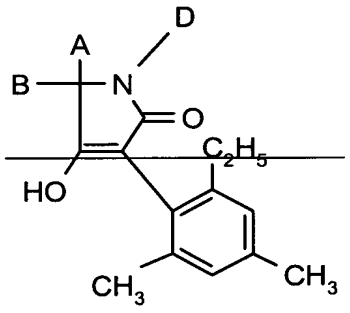
6. (currently amended) ~~Process~~ A process for preparing a compound ~~compounds~~ of formula (I) according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that, to obtain~~ comprising

(A) ~~compounds of the formula (I-a),~~

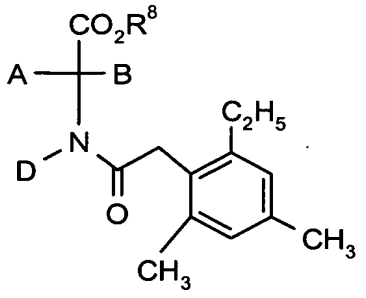


~~(I-a)~~

~~in which~~

~~A, B and D are as defined above,~~

condensing intramolecularly ~~compounds~~ a compound of the formula (II),



(II)

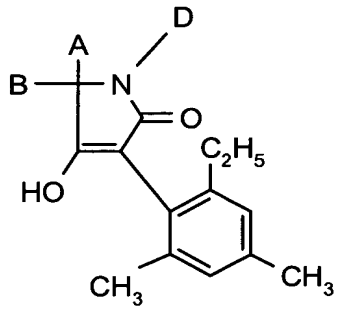
in which

A, B and D are as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1,

and

R^8 represents alkyl,

~~are condensed intramolecularly~~ in the presence of a diluent and in the presence of a base, to obtain a compound of the formula (I-a),

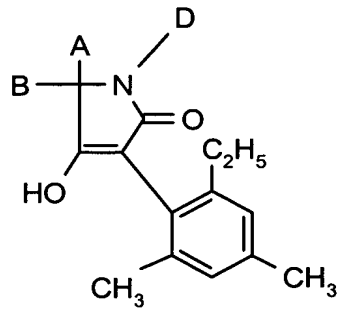


(I-a)

wherein A, B and D are as defined in Claim 1,

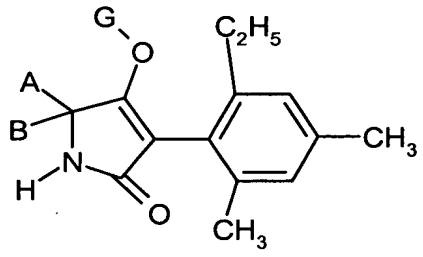
(B) ~~compounds of the formula (I-b), in which A, B, D and R^1 are as defined above, compounds of the formula (I-a) shown above or of the formula (I-a') shown on p. 10 in which A, B and D are in each case as defined above, are reacted~~

reacting a compound of the formula (I-a)



(I-a) or

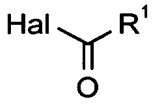
a compound of the formula (I-a')



(I-a')

wherein A, B, and D are as defined in Claim 1 and G is hydrogen,

α) with an acid ~~halides~~ halide of the formula (III),



(III)

in which

R^1 is as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1 and

Hal represents halogen,

or

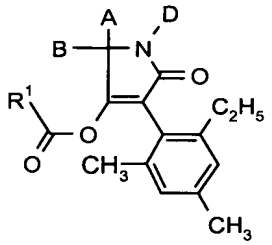
β) with a carboxylic ~~anhydrides~~ anhydride of the formula (IV),

R^1-CO-O-CO-R^1 (IV)

in which

R^1 is as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1,

~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a diluent and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of an acid binder, to obtain a compound of the formula (I-b)

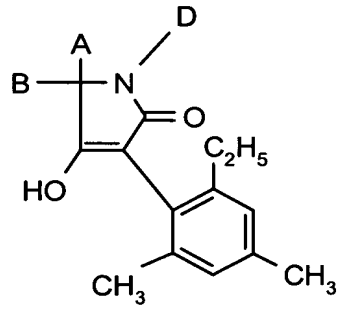


(I-b)

wherein A, B, D, and R^1 are as defined in Claim 1,

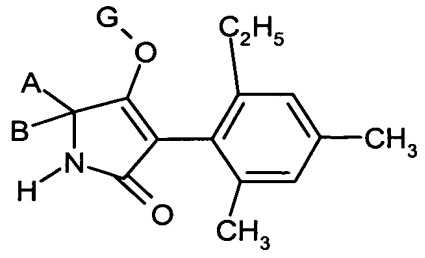
(C) ~~compounds of the formula (I-c) shown above in which A, B, D, R^2 and M are as defined above and L represents oxygen, compounds of the formula (I-a) shown above or formula (I-a') shown on p. 10 in which A, B and D are in each case as defined above, are in each case reacted~~

reacting a compound of the formula (I-a)



(I-a) or

a compound of the formula (I-a')



(I-a')

wherein A, B, and D are as defined in Claim 1 and G is hydrogen,

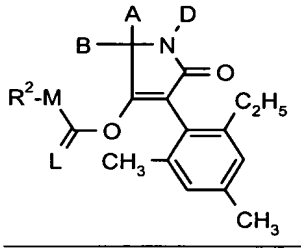
with a chloroformic ~~esters~~ ester or a chloroformic ~~thioesters~~ thioester of the formula (V),

$$R^2\text{-M-CO-Cl} \qquad (V)$$

in which

R^2 and M are as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1,

~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a diluent and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of an acid binder, to obtain a compound of the formula (I-c)

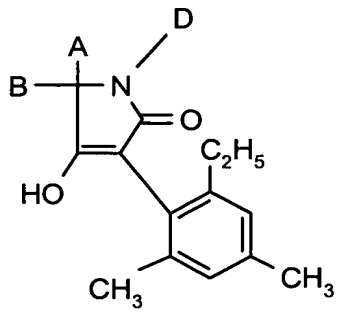


(I-c)

wherein A, B, D, R^2 and M are as defined in Claim 1, and L is oxygen,

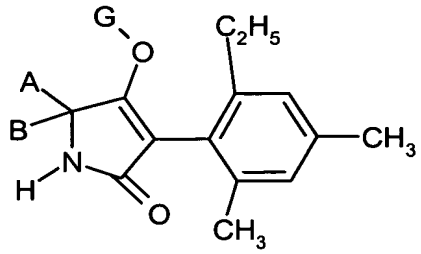
(D) ~~compounds of the formula (I-c) shown above in which A, B, D, R^2 and M are as defined above and L represents sulphur, compounds of the formula (I-a) shown above or of the formula (I-a') shown on p. 10 in which A, B and D are in each case as defined above are in each case reacted~~

reacting a compound of the formula (I-a)



(I-a) or

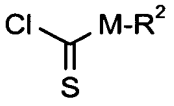
a compound of the formula (I-a')



(I-a')

wherein A, B, and D are as defined in Claim 1 and G is hydrogen,

α) with a chloromonothioformic ~~esters~~ ester or a chlorodithioformic ~~esters~~ ester of the formula (VI),



(VI)

in which

M and R^2 are as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1,

~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a diluent and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of an acid binder,

or

β) with carbon disulphide and then with a compound ~~compounds~~ of the formula (VII),

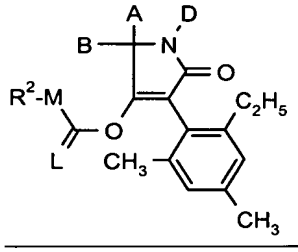
R^2-Hal (VII)

in which

R^2 is as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1 and

Hal represents chlorine, bromine or iodine,

~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a diluent and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a base, to obtain a compound of the formula (I-c)

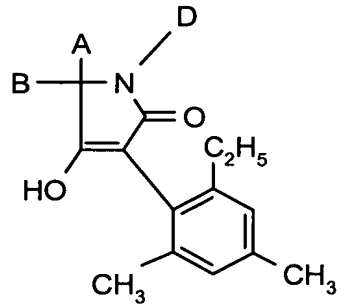


(I-c)

wherein A, B, D, R^2 and M are as defined in Claim 1, and L is sulphur,

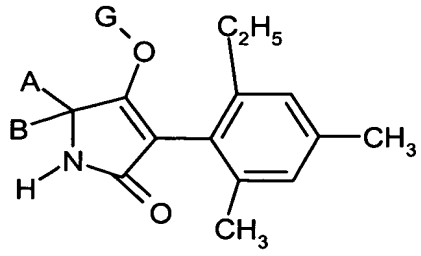
(E) ~~compounds of the formula (I-d), in which A, B, D and R^3 are as defined above, compounds of the formula (I-a) shown above or of the formula (I-a') shown on p. 10 in which A, B and D are in each case as defined above are in each case reacted~~

reacting a compound of the formula (I-a)



(I-a) or

a compound of the formula (I-a')



(I-a')

wherein A, B, and D are as defined in Claim 1 and G is hydrogen,

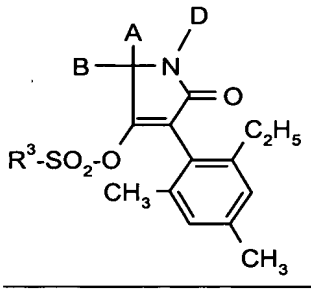
with a sulfonyl ~~chlorides~~ chloride of the formula (VIII),

R^3-SO_2-Cl (VIII)

in which

R^3 is as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1,

~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a diluent and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of an acid binder, to obtain a compound of the formula (I-d)

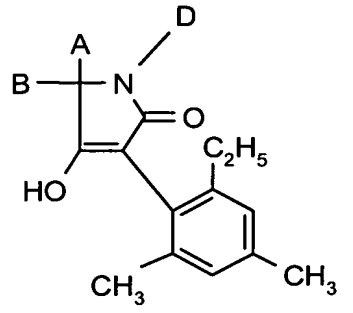


(I-d)

wherein A, B, D, and R^3 are as defined in Claim 1,

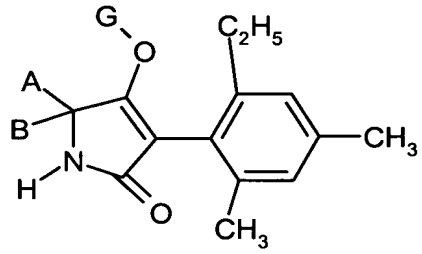
(F) ~~compounds of the formula (I-e), in which A, B, D, L, R^4 and R^5 are as defined above, compounds of the formula (I-a) shown above or of the formula (I-a') shown on p. 10 in which A, B and D are in each case as defined above are in each case reacted~~

reacting a compound of the formula (I-a)



(I-a) or

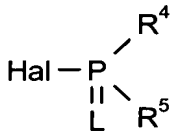
a compound of the formula (I-a')



(I-a')

wherein A, B, and D are as defined in Claim 1 and G is hydrogen,

with a phosphorus ~~compounds~~ compound of the formula (IX),



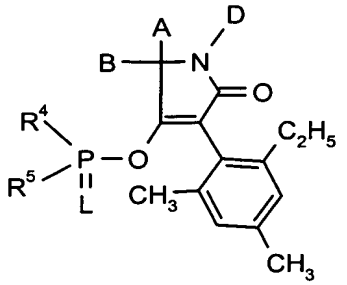
(IX)

in which

L, R^4 and R^5 are as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1 and

Hal represents halogen,

~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a diluent and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of an acid binder, to obtain a compound of the formula (I-e)

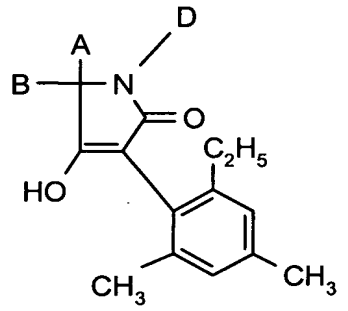


(I-e)

wherein A, B, D, L, R^4, and R^5 are as defined in Claim 1,

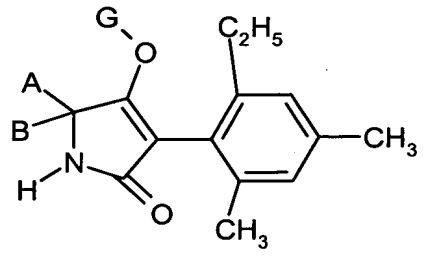
(G) ~~compounds of the formula (I-f) shown above in which A, B, D and E are as defined above, compounds of the formula (I-a) shown above or of the formula (I-a') shown on p. 10 in which A, B and D are as defined above are in each case reacted~~

reacting a compound of the formula (I-a)



(I-a) or

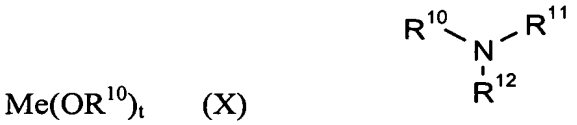
a compound of the formula (I-a')



(I-a')

wherein A, B, and D are as defined in Claim 1 and G is hydrogen,

with a metal ~~compounds~~ compound or an amine ~~amines~~ of the formulae (X) or (XI), respectively,



$Me(OR^{10})_t$ (X) (XI)

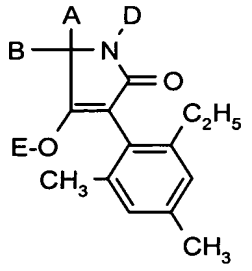
in which

Me represents a mono- or divalent metal,

t represents the number 1 or 2 and

R^{10}, R^{11}, and R^{12} independently of one another represent hydrogen or alkyl,

~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a diluent, to obtain a compound of the formula (I-f)

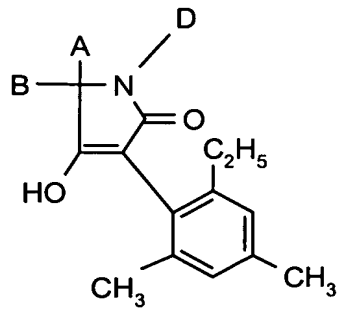


(I-f)

wherein A, B, D, and E are as defined in Claim 1, or

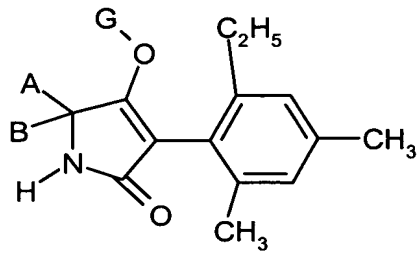
(H) ~~compounds of the formula (I-g) shown above in which A, B, D, L, R^6 and R^7 are as defined above, compounds of the formula (I-a) shown above or of the formula (I-a') shown on p. 10 in which A, B and D are as defined above are in each case reacted~~

reacting a compound of the formula (I-a)



(I-a) or

a compound of the formula (I-a')



(I-a')

wherein A, B, and D are as defined in Claim 1 and G is hydrogen,

α) with ~~isocyanates~~ an isocyanate or ~~isothiocyanates~~ an isothiocyanate of the formula (XII),

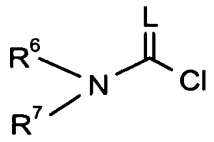
$$R^6\text{-}N{=}C{=}L \qquad \text{(XII)}$$

in which

R^6 and L are as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1,

~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a diluent and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a catalyst, or

β) with a carbamoyl ~~chlorides~~ chloride or a thiocarbamoyl ~~chlorides~~ chloride of the formula (XIII),

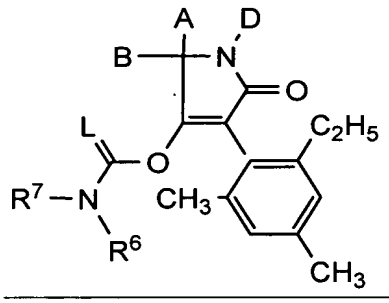


(XIII)

in which

L, R^6 and R^7 are as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1,

~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a diluent and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of an acid binder, to obtain a compound of the formula (I-g)



(I-g)

wherein A, B, D, L, R^6, and R^7 are as defined in Claim 1.

7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) ~~Pesticides and/or herbicides, characterized in that they comprise~~ A pesticide or a herbicide preparation, comprising at least one compound of the formula (I) according to Claim 1.

9. (currently amended) A method ~~Method~~ for controlling animal pests ~~and/or~~ or unwanted vegetation, ~~characterized in that compounds~~ comprising contacting a compound of the formula (I) according to Claim 1 ~~are allowed to act on~~ with pests ~~and/or~~ or their habitat or unwanted vegetation.

10. (cancelled)

11. (currently amended) ~~Process~~ A process for preparing ~~pesticides and/or herbicides, characterized in that compounds~~ a pesticide or a herbicide preparation, comprising

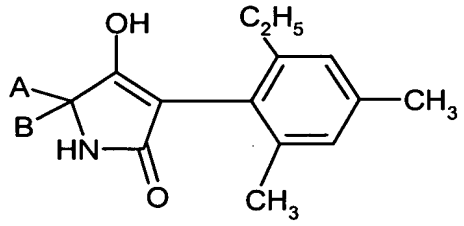
mixing a compound of the formula (I) according to Claim 1 ~~are mixed~~ with one or more extenders ~~and/or~~ or surfactants, or combinations thereof.

12. (currently amended) A composition ~~Composition~~, comprising an effective amount of a combination of active compounds comprising

a') at least one ~~substituted cyclic ketoenol~~ compound of the formula (I) according to Claim 1, ~~in which A, B, D and G are as defined above~~

or

b') at least one ~~substituted cyclic ketoenol~~ compound of the formula (I-a)



(I-a)

in which

A and B are as defined ~~above~~ in Claim 1 and

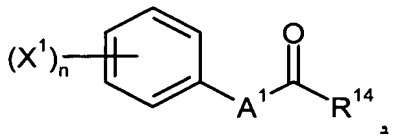
c') at least one crop plant compatibility-improving compound selected from the ~~following~~ group ~~of compounds~~ consisting of:

4-dichloroacetyl-1-oxa-4-azaspiro[4.5]decane (AD-67, MON-4660), 1-dichloroacetylhexahydro-3,3,8a-trimethylpyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrimidin-6(2H)-one (dicyclonon, BAS-145138), 4-dichloroacetyl-3,4-dihydro-3-methyl-2H-1,4-benzoxazine (benoxacor), 1-methylhexyl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxyacetate (cloquintocet-mexyl [[-]] ~~cf. also related compounds in EP-A-86750, EP-A-94349, EP-A-191736, EP-A-492366~~), 3-(2-chlorobenzyl)-1-(1-methyl-1-phenylethyl)urea (cumyluron), α-(cyanomethoximino)phenylacetonitrile (cyometrinil), 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D), 4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)butyric acid (2,4-DB), 1-(1-methyl-1-phenylethyl)-3-(4-

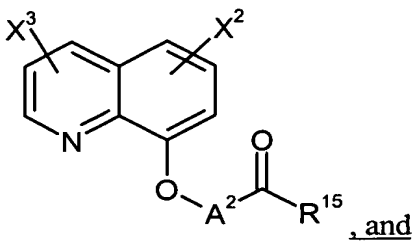
methylphenyl)urea (daimuron, dymron), 3,6-dichloro-2-methoxybenzoic acid (dicamba), S-1-methyl 1-phenylethyl piperidine-1-thiocarboxylate (dimepiperate), 2,2-dichloro-N-(2-oxo-2-(2-propenylamino)ethyl)-N-(2-propenyl)acetamide (DKA-24), 2,2-dichloro-N,N-di-2-propenylacetamide (dichlormid), 4,6-dichloro-2-phenylpyrimidine (fenclorim), ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-trichloromethyl-1H-1,2,4-triazole-3-carboxylate (fenchlorazole-ethyl [[-]] ~~cf. also related compounds in EP-A-174562 and EP-A-346620~~), phenylmethyl 2-chloro-4-trifluoromethylthiazole-5-carboxylate (flurazole), 4-chloro-N-(1,3-dioxolan-2-ylmethoxy)-α-trifluoroacetophenone oxime (fluxofenim), 3-dichloroacetyl-5-(2-furanyl)-2,2-dimethyloxazolidine (furilazole, MON-13900), ethyl 4,5-dihydro-5,5-diphenyl-3-isoxazolecarboxylate (isoxadifen-ethyl [[–]] ~~cf. also related compounds in WO-A-95/07897~~), 1-(ethoxycarbonyl)ethyl 3,6-dichloro-2-methoxybenzoate (lactidichlor), (4-chloro-o-tolyloxy)acetic acid (MCPA), 2-(4-chloro-o-tolyloxy)propionic acid (mecoprop), diethyl 1-(2,4-dichorophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-5-methyl-1H-pyrazole-3,5-dicarboxylate (mefenpyr-diethyl [[-]] ~~cf. also related compounds in WO-A-91/07874~~), 2-dichloromethyl-2-methyl-1,3-dioxolane (MG-191), 2-propenyl 1-oxa-4-azaspiro[4.5]decane-4-carbodithioate (MG-838), 1,8-naphthalic anhydride, α-(1,3-dioxolan-2-ylmethoximino)phenylacetonitrile (oxabetrinil), 2,2-dichloro-N-(1,3-dioxolan-2-ylmethyl)-N-(2-propenyl)acetamide (PPG-1292), 3-dichloroacetyl-2,2-dimethyloxazolidine (R-28725), 3-dichloroacetyl-2,2,5-trimethyloxazolidine (R-29148), 4-(4-chloro-o-tolyl)butyric acid, 4-(4-chlorophenoxy)butyric acid, diphenylmethoxyacetic acid, methyl diphenylmethoxyacetate, ethyl diphenylmethoxyacetate, methyl 1-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate, ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate, ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate, ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate, ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate ~~(cf. also related compounds in EP-A-269806 and EP-A-333131)~~, ethyl 5-(2,4-dichlorobenzyl)-2-isoxazoline-3-carboxylate, ethyl 5-phenyl-2-isoxazoline-3-carboxylate, ethyl 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-phenyl-2-

isoxazoline-3-carboxylate ~~(cf. also related compounds in WO-A 91/08202)~~, 1,3-dimethylbut-1-yl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxyacetate, 4-allyloxybutyl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxyacetate, 1-allyloxyprop-2-yl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxyacetate, methyl 5-chloroquinoxaline-8-oxyacetate, ethyl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxyacetate, allyl 5-chloroquinoxaline-8-oxyacetate, 2-oxoprop-1-yl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxyacetate, diethyl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxymalonate, diallyl 5-chloroquinoxaline-8-oxymalonate, diethyl 5-chloroquinoline-8-oxymalonate ~~(cf. also related compounds in EP-A 582198)~~, 4-carboxychroman-4-ylacetic acid (AC-304415~~, cf. EP-A-613618~~), 4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid, 3,3'-dimethyl-4-methoxybenzophenone, 1-bromo-4-chloromethylsulphonylbenzene, 1-[4-(N-2-methoxybenzoylsulphamoyl)phenyl]-3-methylurea (also known as N-(2-methoxybenzoyl)-4-[(methylaminocarbonyl)amino]benzenesulphonamide), 1-[4-(N-2-methoxybenzoylsulphamoyl)phenyl]-3,3-dimethylurea, 1-[4-(N-4,5-dimethylbenzoylsulphamoyl)phenyl]-3-methylurea, 1-[4-(N-naphthylsulphamoyl)phenyl]-3,3-dimethylurea, and N-(2-methoxy-5-methylbenzoyl)-4-(cyclopropylaminocarbonyl)benzenesulphonamide,

~~and/or one of the following compounds, defined by general formulae,~~ or selected from a group consisting of a compound of the general formula (IIa)

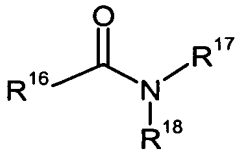


[[or]] a compound of the general formula (IIb)



, and

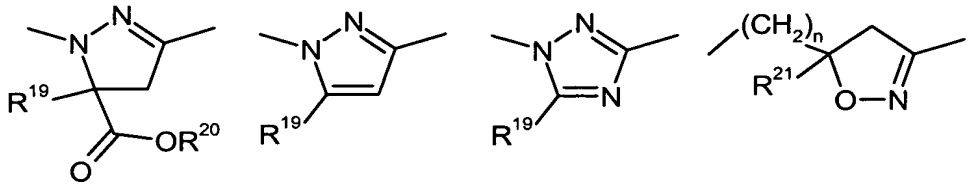
[[or]] a compound of the formula (IIc)



where

n represents a number from 0 to 5,

A^1 represents one of the following divalent heterocyclic groups ~~groupings shown below,~~



wherein n is as defined above,

~~n represents a number between 0 and 5,~~

A^2 represents ~~optionally C_1-C_4-alkyl- and/or C_1-C_4-alkoxycarbonyl-substituted~~ alkanediyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_4-alkyl and C_1-C_4-alkoxycarbonyl,

R^{14} represents ~~hydroxyl~~ hydroxy, mercapto, amino, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-alkylthio, C_1-C_6-alkylamino or di-(C_1-C_4-alkyl)amino,

R^{15} represents ~~hydroxyl~~ hydroxy, mercapto, amino, C_1-C_7-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-alkylthio, C_1-C_6-alkylamino or di-(C_1-C_4-alkyl)-amino,

R^{16} represents ~~in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- and/or bromine-substituted~~ C_1-C_4-alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine and bromine,

R^{17} represents hydrogen, ~~in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- and/or bromine-substituted~~ C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl or C_2-C_6-alkynyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine and bromine, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, dioxolanyl-C_1-C_4-alkyl, furyl, furyl-C_1-C_4-alkyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, piperidinyl, [[or]] phenyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine[[-]], chlorine[[-]] ~~and/or~~ and bromine[[-]], or C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted phenyl,

R^{18} represents hydrogen, ~~in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- and/or bromine-substituted~~ C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl or C_2-C_6-alkynyl in each case optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, and bromine, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, dioxolanyl-C_1-C_4-alkyl, furyl, furyl-C_1-C_4-alkyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, piperidinyl, or phenyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine[[-]], chlorine[[-]] and ~~and/or~~ bromine[[-]], or C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted phenyl, or R^{18} together with R^{17} represents C_3-C_6-alkanediyl or C_2-C_5-oxaalkanediyl, each of which is optionally substituted by C_1-C_4-alkyl, phenyl, furyl, a fused benzene ring or by two substituents which, together with the C atom to which they are attached, form a 5- or 6-membered carbocycle,

R^{19} represents hydrogen, cyano, or halogen, or ~~represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- and/or bromine-substituted~~ C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl or phenyl in each case optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine and bromine,

R^{20} represents hydrogen, or optionally [[hydroxyl-]] hydroxy-, cyano-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-substituted C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl or tri(C_1-C_4-alkyl)silyl,

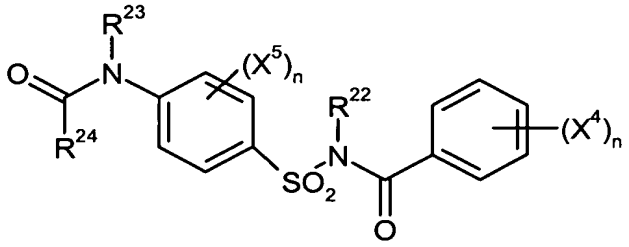
R^{21} represents hydrogen, cyano, or halogen, or ~~represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- and/or bromine-substituted~~ C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl or phenyl in each case optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine and bromine,

X^1 represents nitro, cyano, halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy or C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy,

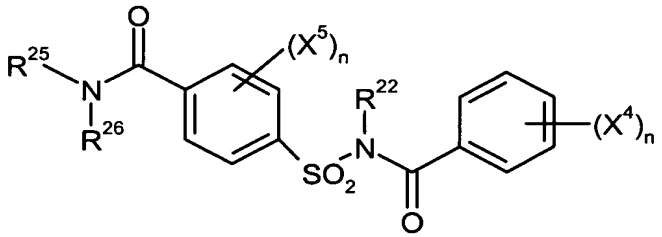
X^2 represents hydrogen, cyano, nitro, halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy or C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy,

X^3 represents hydrogen, cyano, nitro, halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy or C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy,

~~and/or the following compounds, defined by general formulae,~~ or selected from the group consisting of a compound of the general formula (IId)



[[or]] and a compound of the general formula (IIe)



where

n represents a number from 0 to 5,

R^{22} represents hydrogen or C_1-C_4-alkyl,

R^{23} represents hydrogen or C_1-C_4-alkyl,

R^{24} represents hydrogen, in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-substituted C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-alkylthio, C_1-C_6-alkylamino or di-(C_1-C_4-alkyl)amino, or in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyloxy, C_3-C_6-cycloalkylthio or C_3-C_6-cycloalkylamino,

R^{25} represents hydrogen, optionally cyano-, [[hydroxyl-]] hydroxy-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-substituted C_1-C_6-alkyl, in each case optionally cyano- or halogen-substituted C_3-C_6-alkenyl or C_3-C_6-alkynyl, or optionally cyano-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl,

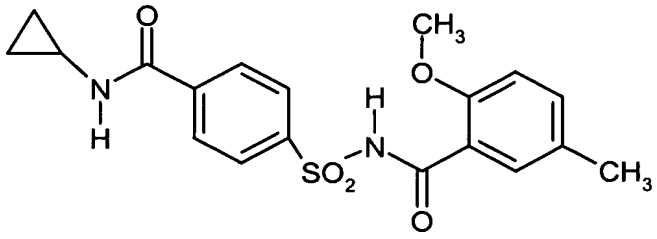
R^{26} represents hydrogen, optionally cyano-, [[hydroxyl-]] hydroxy-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-substituted C_1-C_6-alkyl, in each case optionally cyano- or halogen-substituted C_3-C_6-alkenyl or C_3-C_6-alkynyl, optionally cyano-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl, or optionally nitro-, cyano-, halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkyl-, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy- or C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy-substituted phenyl, or R^{26} together with R^{25} ~~represents~~ in each case represent optionally C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted C_2-C_6-alkanediyl or C_2-C_5-oxaalkanediyl,

X^4 represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, formyl, sulphamoyl, ~~hydroxyl~~ hydroxy, amino, halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy or C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy, and

X^5 represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, formyl, sulphamoyl, ~~hydroxyl~~ hydroxy, amino, halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy or C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy.

13. (currently amended) ~~Composition~~ The composition according to Claim 12, where the crop plant compatibility-improving compound is selected from the ~~following~~ group consisting of ~~compounds:~~

cloquintocet-mexyl, fenchlorazole-ethyl, isoxadifen-ethyl, mefenpyr-diethyl, furilazole, fenclorim, cumyluron, dymron, ~~or the compounds~~



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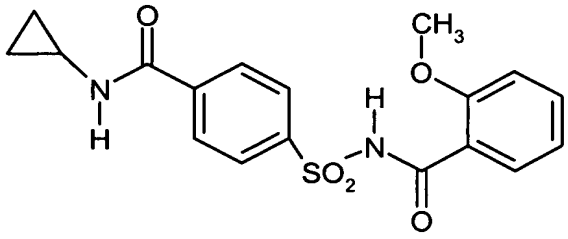
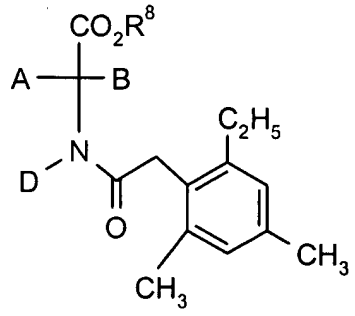


14. (currently amended) ~~Composition~~ The composition according to Claim 12 or 13 where the crop plant compatibility-improving compound is cloquintocet-mexyl or mefenpyr-diethyl.

15. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method for controlling unwanted vegetation, ~~characterized in that~~ comprising contacting a composition according to Claim 12 ~~is allowed to act on~~ with the ~~plants~~ unwanted vegetation ~~or their habitat~~.

16. (cancelled)

17. (currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ A compound of the formula (II)



(II)

in which

A represents hydrogen, in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxyalkyl or alkylthioalkyl or optionally substituted cycloalkyl,

B represents hydrogen, alkyl or alkoxyalkyl,

D represents in each case an optionally substituted radical selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, and cycloalkyl, or

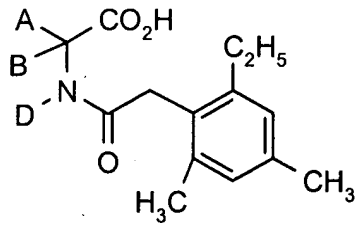
A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached form a saturated or unsaturated cycle which optionally contains at least one heteroatom in the A,D moiety and which is unsubstituted or substituted in the A,D moiety, and

R^8 represents alkyl.

~~A, B, D, and R^8 are as defined above,~~

~~where D may not represent hydrogen.~~

18. (currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ A compound of the formula (XVI)



(XVI)

in which

A represents hydrogen, in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxyalkyl or alkylthioalkyl or optionally substituted cycloalkyl,

B represents hydrogen, alkyl or alkoxyalkyl,

D represents in each case an optionally substituted radical selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, and cycloalkyl, or

A and D together with the atoms to which they are attached form a saturated or unsaturated cycle which optionally contains at least one heteroatom in the A,D moiety and which is unsubstituted or substituted in the A,D moiety.

~~A, B and D are as defined above,~~

~~where D may not represent hydrogen.~~

19. (currently amended) ~~Process~~ A process for preparing 2-ethyl-4,6-dimethylphenylacetic acid, ~~characterized in that~~ comprising reacting 2-ethyl-4,6-dimethylbromobenzene ~~and~~ with tert-butyl acetate ~~are reacted, if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a base, a phosphine ligand, a palladium compound and a diluent, and subsequently ~~reacted~~ contacting with an acid.